

1 charging process and it does not include any fees or charges associated with the method for payment for the
2 charging services.

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4 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Public charging station rate disclosure.** (1) A public charging station
5 operator shall disclose at the charging station site the rate for electric power transferred to an electric vehicle.
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7 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Public charging station operator statements and tax payments.** (1)
8 All public legacy chargers shall register with the department of transportation 15 days after the effective date of
9 this act.

10 (2) Public charging stations that begin operation [after the effective date of this act] shall register with
11 the department of transportation no later than 15 days after the first day of operation.

12 (3) A public charging station tax and required reports must be filed with the department of
13 transportation no later than the twenty fifth day of the month following the month during which the electric
14 charging for an electric vehicle occurred.

15 (4) Public charging stations are exempt from remitting the tax levied in [section 2] until July 1, 2025.

16 (5) Public legacy chargers that have never charged a fee for their use are exempt from remitting the tax
17 levied in [section 2] until July 1, 2025.

18 (6) The revenue derived from [section 2] must be deposited in the highway restricted account provided
19 for in 15-70-126.

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Authority to promulgate rules and regulations.** (1) The department of
22 transportation shall promulgate rules to credit Montana residents for any tax collected under [section 2], not to
23 exceed the total amount of registration fees for electric vehicles paid by a taxpayer during the year which the
24 taxpayer claims the credit.

25 (2) The department of transportation may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of
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NEW SECTION. Section 6. Public charging station inspection. (1) The department of labor and industry may inspect the premises and equipment of any charging station operator to enforce compliance with this section.

(2) The department of labor and industry may:

(a) require third-party testing and calibration of charging stations

(b) assess charging station operators costs incurred by the department of labor and industry to enforce testing, calibration, and inspection requirements.

(c) promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section and set fees necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this section.

Section 7. Section 69-8-803, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-8-803. Electric vehicle charging stations -- service entity requirements. (1) A public utility may allow an electric vehicle charging station that meets the requirements in subsection (2) to be interconnected to its distribution system.

(2) A public utility may sell power to an entity to service electric vehicle charging stations that:

(a) procure power supplied by the public utility for the purpose of electric vehicle charging; and

(b) service electric vehicle charging stations within the public utility's service territory.

(3) Entities operating electric vehicle charging stations are not public utilities.

~~(4) Charges pertaining to fueling electric vehicles may not be based on the cost of electricity."~~

NEW SECTION. Section 8. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 6] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15, chapter 70, and the provisions of Title 15, chapter 70, apply to [sections 1 through 6].

NEW SECTION. Section 9. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023

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